

CHAPTER 3

SECTION 2.10

BREAST CONSTRUCTION AS A RESULT OF A CONGENITAL ANOMALY

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I. PROCEDURE CODE

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II. DESCRIPTION

A congenital anomaly is a marked deviation from the normal standard, existing at, and usually before, birth.

III. POLICY

Benefits are authorized for constructive breast surgery when absence of the breast exists due to a congenital anomaly to include augmentation of the absent breast, and/or breast reduction for the normal breast.

IV. EXCLUSION

Reconstructive breast surgery for incomplete or under development of breast not related to a verified congenital anomaly.

V. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Documentation must be submitted with each claim showing that a congenital anomaly existed which resulted in agenesis of the breast, i.e., Poland's syndrome.

B. For cosmetic, reconstructive, and plastic surgery guidelines related to congenital anomalies refer to [Chapter 13, Section 1.2](#).

C. Claims related to the correction of a congenital anomaly involving breast reduction of the normal breast for symmetry are not subject to the regulatory exclusion for reduction mammoplasty performed primarily for reasons of cosmesis, or the specific criteria outlined in [Chapter 3, Section 2.8](#), which describes circumstances under which reduction mammoplasty procedures may be medically indicated.

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